

# Pharmaceutical Anti-Counterfeiting Anti-Diversion Flash Report

This report provides a summary of pharmaceutical counterfeiting and diversion focused articles tracked during the month of May 2010. Provided are article titles along with hot links. All links are maintained by 3rd party websites and, therefore, availability may change. Here are the headlines:

*Customs in \$70 million haul of fake sex pills, The National*

Almost two-thirds of the haul seized was either fake versions of Viagra or illegal generic versions that should not be entering UAE ports.

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100601/NATIONAL/705319808/1040>

*USTR lists counterfeit drug hotspots in annual report, in-Pharma technologist.com*

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) annual report states that stronger actions are needed to tackle the issue of counterfeit and substandard drugs in a number of countries.

[http://www.in-pharmatechnologist.com/Industry-Drivers/USTR-lists-counterfeit-drug-hotspots-in-annual-report/?utm\\_source=Newsletter Product&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%2B Product](http://www.in-pharmatechnologist.com/Industry-Drivers/USTR-lists-counterfeit-drug-hotspots-in-annual-report/?utm_source=Newsletter+Product&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%2BProduct)

*As drug resistant malaria grows in Cambodia, government shuts down illegal pharmacies, MediaGlobal*

Counterfeit and substandard medicines have contributed to a rise in drug resistant strains of malaria in Cambodia.

<http://mediaglobal.org/article/2010-05-06/as-drug-resistant-malaria-grows-in-cambodia-government-shuts-down-illegal-pharmacies>

*Big haul of fake drugs seized, Focus Taiwan*

Authorities seize 650,000 fake diet capsules and 240 kg of raw materials in a fake drug crackdown.

[http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews\\_Detail.aspx?ID=201005060037&Type=aSOC](http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?ID=201005060037&Type=aSOC)

*Organized Heists of Meds and Baby Formula Soar*, AOL News

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is concerned that organized gangs stealing prescription and over-the-counter medication may combine and sell it with counterfeit drugs.

<http://www.aolnews.com/nation/article/organized-heists-of-medications-and-baby-formula-soar/19471150>

*Internet Drug Rings & Their 'Killer' Online Pharmacies*, Internet Evolution

A recent report details the dangerous trend of fake online pharmacies, pointing out that they are nothing more than Internet drug rings operating within a highly organized criminal network.

[http://www.internetevolution.com/author.asp?section\\_id=717&doc\\_id=191640&f\\_src=internetevolution\\_gnews](http://www.internetevolution.com/author.asp?section_id=717&doc_id=191640&f_src=internetevolution_gnews)

*Man sold fake cancer drug*, The Vancouver Sun

The accused admits that he sold a white powder to at least 65 online buyers through the defunct website DCAdvice.com which was found by a lab to be a combination of sugar, lactose, dextran or starch.

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Edmonton+pleads+guilty+selling+fake+cancer+drugs/3015013/story.html>

*IFPMA backs WHO to lead anti-counterfeit fight*, SecuringPharma.com

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations unveil 10 principles in the fight against the counterfeit drug trade.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/40/articles/471.php>

*U.S. agents search for dangerous foreign drugs in mail: The Food and Drug Administration stepped up inspections of counterfeit prescription drugs smuggled into Miami and other cities through the U.S. mail*, PMPNews.com

The FDA, along with Customs and Border Patrol and the U.S. Postal Service conducted "Operation Safeguard" to weed out thousands of packages containing unapproved and potentially counterfeit drugs.

<http://www.pmpnews.com/news/us-agents-search-dangerous-foreign-drugs-mail-food-and-drug-administration-stepped-inspections->

*More counterfeit drugs seen around the globe, Chicago Press Release Service*

The proliferation of potentially harmful or lethal counterfeit medicines has been on the rise in both rich and poor countries, particularly with the increased usage of the Internet.

<http://chicagopressrelease.com/news/more-counterfeit-drugs-seen-around-the-globe>

*Counterfeits Cost Indonesia \$4 Billion Annually: Study, Jakarta Globe*

A study by the University of Indonesia and the Indonesian Anti-Counterfeiting Society estimates counterfeiting costs Indonesia 4 billion a year.

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/business/counterfeits-cost-indonesia-4-billion-annually-study/375903>

*Finnish customs investigates fake drug imports, AsiaOne*

According to customs investigators, organized crime is behind a vast traffic in fake medicines.

<http://news.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Crime/Story/A1Story20100518-216978.html>

*Flintshire man denies multi-million pound bogus drug scam, Flintshire Chronicle*

Between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 the defendants conspired to defraud pharmaceutical wholesalers, pharmacists, the public and holders of Intellectual Property Rights in pharmaceuticals by dishonestly distributing for gain counterfeit medicines

<http://www.flintshirechronicle.co.uk/flintshire-news/local-flintshire-news/2010/05/21/flintshire-man-denies-multi-million-pound-bogus-drug-scam-51352-26492629/>

*City sold on fake drugs: Study, Deccan Chronicle*

A study released by the International Policy Network (IPN) claims 92 per cent of pharmacists interviewed admitted to have been offered substandard or spurious drugs for cheaper prices.

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/chennai/city-sold-fake-drugs-study-524>